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In response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been [] established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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